

R.I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 3:37 P.M. at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Martin Joyce, Stephen Erickson, Rhoda Perry and Frank Rego. Executive Director Robert Kando and legal counsel Raymond Marcaccio were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pierce.

1. The Board voted to certify mail ballots for the Representative 33 special election held on June 9, 2015. Voting to certify the mail ballots were Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Frank Rego, Stephen Erickson, Rhoda Perry and Martin Joyce all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 6-0.
2. The Board voted to approve the minutes for the meeting held on May 5, 2015, voting to approve the minutes were Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Frank Rego, Stephen Erickson, Rhoda Perry and Martin Joyce, all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 6-0. The Board also voted to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2015 meeting. Voting to approve the minutes were Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Frank Rego, Stephen Erickson, Rhoda Perry and Martin Joyce all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 6-0.
3. Due to continued negotiations no action was taken on the approval of a new vendor contract with Elections Systems and Software for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.
4. Executive Director, Robert Kando reported on the development of an employee handbook. He stated that he reviewed the State of Rhode Island Human Resources handbook, and its limiting language and found it adequate and that the union's position was that it would neither formally agree to the provisions, nor would it object to the use of the handbook by the Board. After a brief discussion, Mr. Kando was directed to poll like-sized agencies relative to their use of the state handbook and revisit this issue at a future meeting.
5. The Board voted to conditionally certify the Representative 33 special election. The vote to certify was expressly conditioned upon the absence of any allegation of error, irregularity, impropriety and if no protests or requests for recounts are filed with the Board by 4:00 P.M. on June 16, 2015. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Martin Joyce, Stephen Erickson, Rhoda Perry and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 6-0.

6. Commissioner Martin Joyce then made a motion for a moment of silence for John F. McBurney, Jr., a former Commissioner of the Board of Elections who recently passed away.
7. The Board voted to adjourn at 4:48 P.M. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Frank Rego, Stephen Erickson, Rhoda Perry and Martin Joyce all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 6-0, meeting adjourned.